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ZAREMBO ISLAND CLOSED TO ELK HUNTING

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is announcing the closure of elk hunting on Zarembo Island for the November 15 – 30 registration hunt (RE-325). Etolin Island and the smaller associated islands, also part of this hunt area, will open as scheduled.

Based on population estimates, a harvest quota of 10 bulls was established for Zarembo Island. By Friday, November 4, the reported harvest of elk in this area was 6 bulls. The department feels that the 4 bulls remaining in the quota are insufficient to allow for an open registration permit hunt on the island. Given such a small allowable harvest, opening a registration elk hunt in this area runs the risk of overharvest which would be detrimental to the long-term stability of the population.

Registration permits are now available for the RE-325 elk hunt at Fish and Game Offices in Douglas, Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg and Wrangell.

Hunters with questions about elk hunting in Game Management Unit 3 should contact Rich Lowell, in the Petersburg Area Office at (907) 772-5235.
